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Synopsis of Facts: Information concerning activities of TERESA PROENZA and her family reflect many of them have been active revolutionaries for a number of years. Reliable sources disagree on whether subject is member of Communist Party but all advise she has in the past been in contact with members of the Russian Legation Diplomatic Mission in Habana. However, since departure of Mrs. NORA P. CHEGODAEVA, Russian Press Attaché, her contacts at Legation have ceased, but she still continues contact with prominent members of the Communist Party. Subject, by letter dated 12-19-44, resigned her position with OVERSEAS NEWS AGENCY and presently represents several Mexican magazines in Cuba. Present activities reported as not suspicious.

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(u)(x) The files in the Military and Naval Attachés' offices as well as the Embassy Central Files Section at Habana failed to reflect any pertinent information on subject. This case is being closed at the present time for the reason that, since the Russian Press Attaché NORA P. CHEGODAEVA left Habana, subject's contacts with the Legation have ceased. Another basis for closing the case is the fact that she is no longer active in the affairs of the OVERSEAS NEWS AGENCY and reliable sources disagree on whether subject is actually a member of the Communist Party.

* Confidential Informant #656-1 points out in his report that the police accused subject's brother of disseminating seditious propaganda of a Communist type and that other members of her family were arrested at different times. It should be borne in mind that the modus operandi of the MACHADO police in arresting revolutionists and members of groups in opposition to him was to accuse them of having disseminated Communist propaganda which could be used as a legal basis to incarcerate them or exile them from the country as the Communist Party was operating illegally at the time. This same modus operandi was used by the MACHADO Regime to arrest many members of the opposition group who are now and always have been violently opposed to Communism.

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RE: MARIA TERESA PROENZA (Y PROENZA)
also known as TERESA PROENZA
Habana, Cuba

Source C, who is considered to be reliable, advised that TERESA PROENZA is a native Cuban about 38 years of age and unmarried. She has a brother and sister living in Mexico and she herself was employed in that country working for the Mexican Government in an unknown capacity in 1933 or 1934. She returned to Habana from Mexico in 1939 and after residing in Cuba for some time made several trips back and forth between these two countries.

Subject formerly lived on Calle 27 #155 in Vedado in a boarding house but at present, she is residing at #163 Calle Carcel (also known as Capdevila), between Prado and Jenios, Vedado, Habana, Cuba. One of her brothers, JUSTO PROENZA, is connected with the Cuban diplomatic corps and is presently a Cuban Vice Consul in the Dominican Republic. Prior to that time he was Cuban Consul in Java. It is said that JUSTO PROENZA speaks Javanese well and knows the customs of that country.

Source D, who is also considered reliable, learned from a former co-worker of TERESA PROENZA that during the presidency of MACHADO in Cuba she and her sister were prominent in student activities at the University of Habana which were considered to be against the MACHADO Regime. They were also actively engaged in the dissemination of Communist propaganda as well. In 1932, at which time revolutionary activities were at a peak, the two sisters were forced to take refuge in Mexico because of threats of prosecution made by MACHADO's henchmen. Before they were able to leave Cuba, subject's sister received a package through the mail which contained a bomb and upon opening the package the bomb exploded and her eyesight was saved only by a delicate surgical operation.

In Mexico subject became connected with the OVERSEAS NEWS AGENCY and after several years there, became one of its traveling representatives. She represented the OVERSEAS NEWS

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The sources mentioned in the report of Special Agent CHARLES F. McATEER, Jr., dated April 27, 1945, at Habana, Cuba, entitled "MARIA TERESA PROENZA (Y PROENZA), aka, SECURITY MATTER - C & R", are listed below:

Source C:	Confidential Informant #656-4
Source D:	Confidential Informant #656-5
Source E:	Confidential Informant #347-5
Source F:	Confidential Informant #360-1
Source G:	Confidential Informant #656-1